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Please find the attached correction in response to the office action dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Sincerely,

  
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Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003, attached is a  
complete listing of all claims:

## Claim Amendments:

1-20 (canceled)

21 (previously presented) - An apparatus for use in dispensing a liquid,  
said apparatus comprising:

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- (a) a container defining a wall;
  - (b) a closure adapted to close off the open end of said container,  
said closure presenting a recessed channel;
  - (c) an outlet passage substantially formed by said recessed  
channel and said wall of said container when said closure is  
attached to said container, said outlet passage having a fluid  
entrance and a fluid exit so as to provide communication  
between the interior and exterior of said container, said  
outlet passage having sufficient volume to prevent contained  
liquid from reaching said fluid exit when said apparatus is  
inverted.